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ASARC Streamlining eliminates over 90% of required documents

The ASARC process used to oversee systems development has been revised significantly. A new group (the ASARC Coordination Team or ACT) is empowered to resolve issues and make decisions about ASARC programs. Formal ASARCs are only called to decide matters that the ACT cannot resolve. A 3-Star panel is briefed on actions taken by the team, with the Acquisition Decision Memorandum written on the basis of this briefing. The new process has reduced paperwork from 114 documents to the 9 required by law and has been used with 3 systems so far. A “cookbook” which describes the new process will be available later this year.

Common Process Breakthrough

DRs. Perry and Kaminski have signed a memo encouraging the use of common business and technical processes for all defense programs underway at a contractor's plant. The memo allows block contract changes to facilitate the new environment. The initiative promises significant cost reductions. Ten plants have been identified by the Army so far with plans to involve each of our top 30 contractors.

More News about Prime Vendor

Bulletin #3 contained information on USAMEDCOM's use of the Prime Vendor Program to provide direct health care and dental supplies. MEDCOM has also adapted the program to provide pharmaceuticals. This allowed a \$38 million reduction in related inventory, freeing up warehouse space (valued at \$93,000) for other uses. Associated labor costs have gone down by 83 Full Time Equivalents (FTE).

Commercial Application saves more than \$50,000

TACOM will adopt a commercial application for replacement of bulbs on Army trucks. The practice involves use of Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulb to replace the current incandescent bulb. Instead of replacing a bulb every 1,000 hours, bulbs will be replaced every 100,000 hours, providing a reduction in operations and support costs. TACOM used its Rapid Prototyping Team, consisting of TEAM OSCAR and VSE Corp. to produce the first model of a sealed tail light using the LED bulb. The development effort cost only \$3,000 compared to \$60,000 estimated by an outside contractor.